

Jacob Schiff of New York, March 28, 1907, the President explained his attitude on the subject:

"It is difficult for me to understand why there should be this belief in Wall Street that I am a wild-eyed revolution-ist. I can not condone wrong, but I certainly do not intend to do aught save what is beneficial to the man of means who acts squarely and fairly. When I see you I will explain at length why I do not think it advantageous from any standpoint for me to ask any railroad man to call upon me. I can only say to you, as I have said to Mr. Morgan when he suggested that he would like to have certain of them call upon me (a suggestion which they refused to adopt, by the way), that it would be a pleasure to me to see any of them at any time. Sooner or later I think they will realize that in their opposition to me for the last few years they have been utterly mistaken, even from the standpoint of their own interests; and that nothing better for them could be devised than the laws I have striven and am striving to have enacted. I wish to do everything in my power to aid every honest business man, and the dishonest business man I wish to punish simply as I would punish the dishonest man of any type. Moreover, I am not desirous of avenging what has been done wrong in the past, especially when the punishment "y^ould be apt to fall upon innocent third parties. My prime object is to prevent injustice and work equity for the future."

A leading figure in the assaults upon the President was E. H. Harriman of the Union Pacific lines. On

April 2,
1907, a discharged employee in the Harriman
service published a letter written by Harriman in which
Harriman asserted that the President in the campaign of
1904 had sought his aid in raising a \$250,000 campaign
fund to aid in Koosvelt's election to the Presidency. When
this was published the President gave out to the press
a letter that he had written on October 8, 1906, to the
Hon. J. S. Sherman, who was then chairman, of the
Eepublican Congressional Committee, in which he had denied
Harriman's as-